

BA 1985

NEW MARKET IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION/ SEWING FACTORY

1922

MARYLAND LINE

PRIVATE

This large, frame, gable-roofed, one-story factory was built by the New Market Improvement Association, founded by a number of Maryland Line land owners in 1920 as a garment factory, locally called a "sewing factory," apparently in an effort to stave off the decline of the town's economy. The building was 35 by 80 feet, with a total of 15 large sash windows along the sides, laid out in 9 bays, some windows clustered in sets of two and three. The sewing enterprise came to an end in 1932. The building is currently used as a dwelling. It is in a functional style, but built with materials that produce a structure compatible with a rural village.

## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST MAGI 0319855714

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**HISTORIC *NEW MARKET IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION*

AND/OR COMMON

*Sewing Factory***2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

*21,425 York Road*

CITY, TOWN

*Maryland Line*

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

*2nd*

STATE

*Maryland*

COUNTY

*Baltimore County***3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

## PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

## ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

## PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☒ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER:**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

*James M. & Victoria Pursley*Telephone #: *343-0361*

STREET &amp; NUMBER

*21,425 York Road*

CITY, TOWN

*Maryland Line*

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

*Maryland 21105***5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

*County Courts Building*Liber #: *EHK JR. 5701*Folio #: *730*

STREET &amp; NUMBER

*401 Bosley Avenue*

CITY, TOWN

*Towson*

STATE

*Maryland 21204***6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

*NONE*

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

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## NEW MARKET IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

**CONDITION**☒ EXCELLENT☐ GOOD☐ FAIR☐ DETERIORATED☐ RUINS☐ UNEXPOSED**CHECK ONE**☒ UNALTERED☐ ALTERED**CHECK ONE**☒ ORIGINAL SITE☐ MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

The "New Market Improvement Association" building is a vernacular or functional style factory, 80 by 35 feet, built as a textile or garment working plant, described when entered in the tax records as a "sewing machine factory." It is an uncomplicated building 7 bays wide by 15 bays deep, or 5 bays by 9 bays if paired windows are counted as only one bay. Six of the bays along the northside consist of paired windows. Across the main facade are two sets of paired double-hung, 4-over-4, sash windows. The center entrance is via a projecting vestibule two windows and one door wide, by one bay (containing double-hung sash windows) deep. All the windows along the sides of the factory are also double-hung, 4-over-4, sash types. Most windows are fitted with shutters, some of them obviously decorative, not wide enough to cover the windows they flank.

There is a shed-roofed front porch that covers the entire vestibule and stretches across one-half of the innermost sash windows in the main facade. The porch is supported by a square post at each corner. Its deck is a few inches above grade. There is an iron pump left intact on the porch.

The roof is steeply pitched, of standing-seam aluminum, unpainted, with the ice hooks popular in the 1920s. The eaves overhang slightly at the front, more prominently along the sides. A square brick chimney emerges through the roof about two-thirds of the way to the rear. A ceramic, double-vented stove pipe breaks through the roof on the north surface. Side entrances are provided, in staggered pattern, in the 4th bay from the road on the southside, the other in the 6th bay from the road on the north. A one-bay projection of some kind, about the size of a garden storage building, is attached to the southside of the factory.

Foundation is stone, not visible in front, but gradually becoming exposed toward the rear of the building. Outer covering is white aluminum siding.

The factory is a pleasing building with a rural, barnlike appearance. It could also be mistaken for a school or lodge hall, especially with its white metal flagpole in front. The factory has apparently been turned into A DWELLING AND THERE IS a tank for liquified cooking gas at the rear of the building on the north.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES 1922

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

In April 1920, a number of investors at Maryland Line Village received an incorporation for a company to be called New Market Improvement Corporation. Principals named in the record are Chester L. Fulton, William H. Taylor, and William H. Hendrix. Recorded purpose of the firm was:

to build and equip one or more sewing factories, and to operate one or more sewing factories, and to operate the same by electricity or otherwise, and to manufacture all kinds of fabric, material and goods and merchandise, and any and all other kinds of materials ... and further to contract for electricity to be sold or distributed by said corporation to others ...

There was to be \$5000 in stock and William H. Hendrix was named resident agent. (1)

The 1918 Tax Ledger contains an addition reading:

New	Sewing Factory 35 x 80	\$3500.
1922	(Land in name of Marsteller)	(2)

The 1923 tax ledger called it a "sewing machine factory," but local residents affirm that the product was sewn fabrics. (3)

In August of 1932, the company was formally dissolved. (4) The building became property of Harry G. Standiford, shown as owner in a 1933 correction to the tax ledger. (5) Standiford lived until 1976 and his personal representative conveyed to James M. and Victoria Pursley in 1976. (6)

This is a large commercial building, but of a tasteful design that blends in with the street front structures of Maryland Line. It seems to reflect an effort to save the town from postwar decline by the introduction of light manufacturing.

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## NEW MARKET IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

## NOTES:

1. Incorporation Records, WPC 6:552-553 (Towson, County Courts Building).
2. Tax Ledger, District 7, 1918, f. 711.
3. Tax Ledger, District 7, 1923, f. 660.
4. Incorporation Records, WPC 8:598.
5. Tax Ledger, District 7, 1928-1940, f. 941.
6. B.C. Deeds, 5701:730.

**MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Baltimore County Incorporation Records, Tax Ledgers, Deeds.

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 0.4

**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**

S61° 22' 42"W 60 feet

S18° 16' 55"E 55 feet

S61° 22' 42"W 105 feet

N18° 16' 55"W 55 feet along York Road (eastside)

N16° 57' 13"W 71.86 feet on York Road

N61° 08' 00"E 166.91 feet

S15° 35' 48"E 72.97 feet to Beginning (Map 3 Parcel P77)

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE *NONE*

COUNTY *NONE*

STATE

*NONE*

COUNTY

*NONE*

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

*John W. McGrain*

ORGANIZATION

*Baltimore County Office of Planning and Zoning*

DATE

*April 3, 1980*

STREET & NUMBER

*401 Bosley Avenue*

TELEPHONE

*494-3495*

CITY OR TOWN

*Towson*

STATE

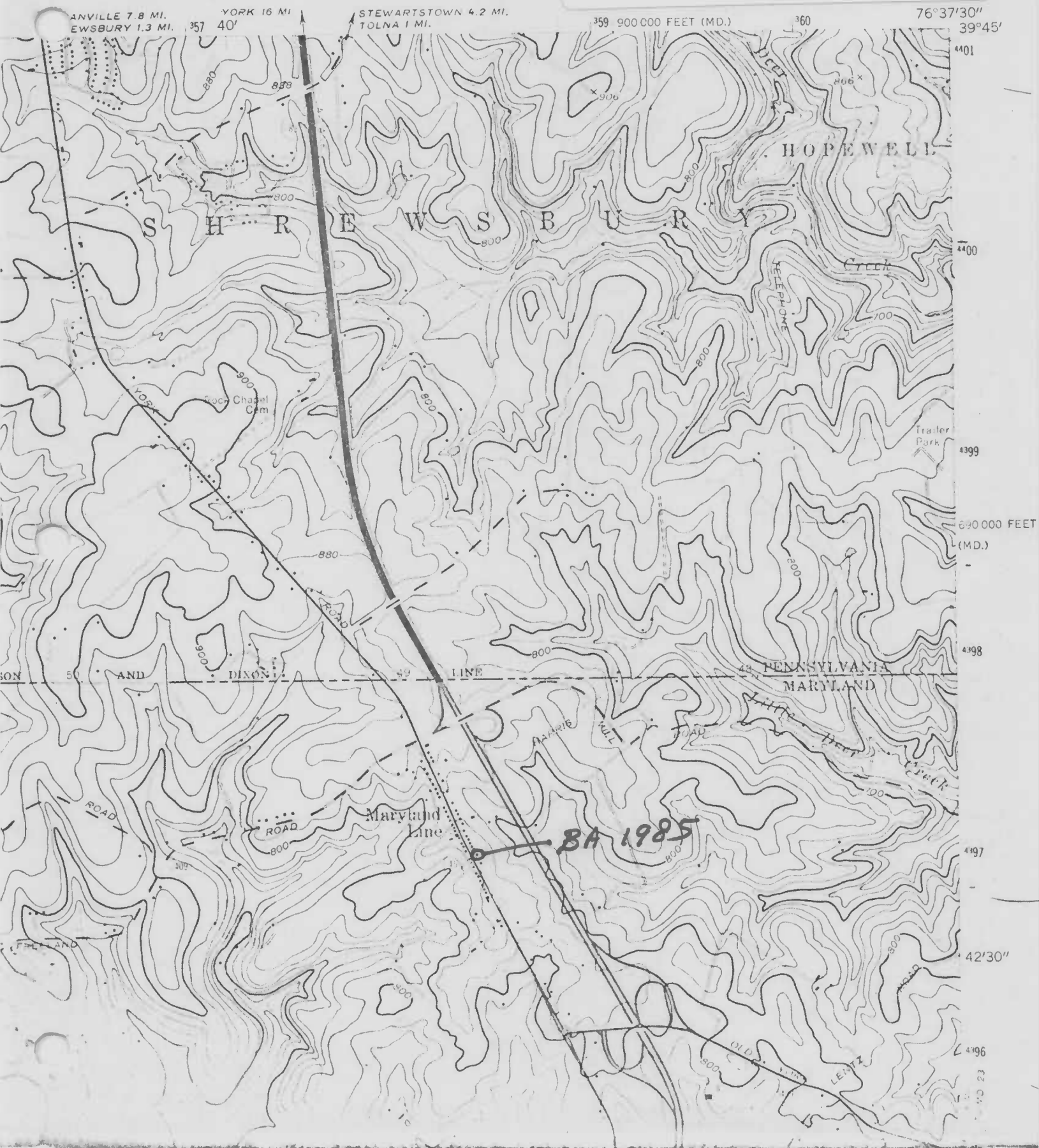
*Maryland 21204*

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

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NEW MARKET IMPV. ASSN. BA 1985  
Baltimore County, Maryland  
J. McGrain, OCT 1979  
Neg. located at MHT  
Main (west) facade p/o south



NEW MARKET IMPVT. ASSN. BA 1985  
Baltimore County, Maryland  
J. McGrain, OCT 1979  
Neg. located at MHT  
North facade.



NEW MARKET IMPVT. ASSN. BA 1985  
Baltimore County, Maryland  
J. McGrain, OCT 1979  
Neg. located at MHT  
Main (W) & p/o north facades